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WORK BEGINS TO REPAIR MISSION BAY JETTY

Mayor's Office Lobbied For Stimulus Funds to Pay For Project

Boaters can breathe a sigh of relief now that crews have begun the vital work of repairing the South Mission Bay Channel Jetty, a project made possible after Mayor Jerry Sanders successfully lobbied for federal stimulus funds.

“The work we’re doing is vital to make sure boaters can enter and exit Mission Bay safely,” Sanders said. “I’d like to thank the Army Corps of Engineers for their efforts on this project. I’d also like to thank my staff for helping obtain the federal stimulus money for this important project.”

The South Mission Bay Channel Jetty was damaged by a series of storms in 1997 that left the jetty roughly 250 shorter than the jetty on the channel’s north side. Since then, countless massive hidden rocks have posed a hazard to boaters. Since January alone, lifeguards have rescued eight vessels trapped on or near the rocks at the tip of the South Channel Jetty.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has signed a \$2.3 million contract with Connolly-Pacific Co. of Long Beach to repair the jetty. The work should be finished by the end of December.

In January, the Corps will bid out the second phase of the project – dredging the Mission Bay Channel, which has become built up with sand and other sediment. That project will also be paid for by federal stimulus funds. Increasing the depth will help prevent waves from breaking inside the channel, thereby further improving navigational safety.

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